

# R E P O R T

FROM

STANDING COMMITTEE C

ON THE

**Constabulary (Ireland) Bill**

WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

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## STANDING COMMITTEE C.

CONSTABULARY (IRELAND) BILL.—Read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee on the 10th May, and allocated by Mr. Speaker to the Committee on the 16th May.

The Committee was constituted as follows:—

Mr. WILLIAM NICHOLSON, appointed Chairman 16th May.

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Jones, Mr. G. W. H.	

\* Added in respect of the Constabulary (Ireland) Bill.

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STANDING COMMITTEE C, to whom the CONSTABULARY (IRELAND) BILL was referred :—Have gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

25th May, 1922,

## STANDING COMMITTEE C.

*Thursday, 25th May, 1922.*

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. WILLIAM NICHOLSON in the Chair.

Rear-Admiral Adair	Sir Murdock Macdonald
Lieut.-Col. Archer-Shee	Mr. Mallalieu
Mr. Armstrong	Sir Percy Newson
Mr. George Balfour	Brig.-Gen. Sir Hackett Pain
Mr. Banton	Lieut.-Colonel Raw
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Brig.-Gen. Sir Hill Child	Mr. Taylor
Mr. Forestier-Walker	Dr. Worsfold
Col. Sir Hamar Greenwood	Mr. Robert Young
Mr. Lindsay	

## CONSTABULARY (IRELAND) BILL.

## Clause 1.

Amendment made, in page 1, line 8, by leaving out the word "May," and inserting the word "July"—(*Sir Hamar Greenwood*),—instead thereof.

Another Amendment made, in page 1, line 19, by leaving out the words "have power, if they think fit to"—(*Mr. Banton*).

Other Amendments made, in page 1, line 24, by inserting after the word "&c." the word "and"; and in page 1, line 26, by leaving out the word "allowance" to the second word "of," in page 2, line 1—(*Sir Hamar Greenwood*).

Another Amendment made, in page 2, line 7, at end, by adding the words :—

"(3) If any officer or constable to whom a compensation allowance has been awarded in pursuance of this section takes service in any police force the allowance may be suspended in whole or in part so long as he remains in such force"—(*Sir Hamar Greenwood*).

Another Amendment made, in page 2, line 12, by inserting after the word "section" the words "or to his prior service in any other police force so far as the same has, for the purposes of the award, been reckoned as service in the Royal Irish Constabulary"—(*Sir Hamar Greenwood*).

Other Amendments made, in page 2, line 13, by leaving out all the words from the word "form" to the word "and," in line 16; and in page 2, line 34, by leaving out all the words from the word "pension" to the word "Ireland," inclusive, in line 37—(*Sir Hamar Greenwood*).

Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 1, after the word "office," to insert the words "and such commutation

may take place whether the officer or constable has had less or more than fifteen years' service"—(*Sir John Butcher*).

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Resolution of the House of 23rd May read as follows:—

“Constabulary (Ireland) [Compensation].

‘That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the disbandment of the Royal Irish Constabulary and with respect to magistrates appointed under the Acts relating to that force and for the validation of things done or omitted in the execution or purported execution of those Acts and for other purposes incidental thereto, it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament,—

- (1) of compensation to officers and constables of the Royal Irish Constabulary who, since the twenty-fifth day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, have been, or who may hereafter be, required to retire or be discharged from that force, including compensation by way of disturbance allowances;
- (2) of pensions and gratuities to the widows and children of such officers and constables; and
- (3) of terminable annuities to the National Debt Commissioners in respect of the commutation of compensation allowances awarded to such officers and constables:

Provided that—

The amount of compensation, other than compensation by way of disturbance allowance, to such officers and constables and the pensions and gratuities to such widows and children shall be determined in accordance with the Rules contained in the Ninth Schedule to The Government of Ireland Act, 1920, subject to the following amendments and modifications:—

- (a) In these Rules any reference to the Lord Lieutenant shall be construed as a reference to the Treasury, and the expression “existing

enactments" shall be construed as meaning enactments in force at the time of the passing of the said Act of the present Session, and any orders made under those enactments and in force at that time;

- (b) The following proviso shall be added at the end of Rule 2:—

Provided that in the case of the surgeon of the Royal Irish Constabulary his compensation allowance may, should he so desire, be calculated in like manner as the pension which he would have been entitled to receive on retirement under the existing enactments applicable to him if the years to be added as aforesaid were added to his years of age instead of to his completed years of actual service;

- (c) Rule 3 shall not apply;

- (d) The following Rule shall be substituted for Rule 4:—

(4) The allowance awarded to an officer or constable shall in no case exceed two-thirds of the salary on which the allowance is calculated;

- (e) The following words shall be added at the end of Rule 5, namely, "and as if his years of service had been the years of service on which the allowance was calculated." "

Clause 1, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clauses 2—4, *agreed to*,

New Clause ("Disturbance allowance")—(*Sir John Butcher*),—brought up, and read the first time as follows:—

"(1) If any officer or constable, owing to molestation or danger, or for any other cause whatever, shall within six months after the date of his disbandment move his home either to another place in Ireland, more than twenty miles distance from his home, or to any place outside Ireland, he shall be entitled to receive a sum of money to be calculated as follows,

namely, in the case of an unmarried man a sum equal to three months' pay at the rate to which he was entitled immediately before disbandment, in the case of a married man with less than three children a sum equal to five months' pay at the rate aforesaid, and in the case of a married man with three or more children a sum equal to six months' pay at the rate aforesaid;

(2) Such sums respectively shall be payable on demand at the date of disbandment, or at any time within six months thereafter; but every officer or man who receives a sum of money under this section shall prove to the satisfaction of the Treasury that he has in fact moved his home as mentioned above, and if he fails so to do the Treasury may require him to refund the whole of such allowance or may deduct it from the compensation payable under this Act."

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Clause be read a second time."

Motion and Clause, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Schedule, as amended, *agreed to*.

*Ordered*: To Report the Bill, as amended, to the House.